

1890

1966

Bethany Lutheran

Astoria Oregon

Partial
Pictorial
Directory
of
Members
&
Friends



'We shall know the truth
and the truth shall set you free'
John 8:32



R. S. PERSSON, PRESENT PASTOR

PAST – “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

Bethany Lutheran Church pays tribute to those faithful shepherds of the flock who have faithfully proclaimed the Words of life since its beginning. Former pastors are:

Hans Olsen	1890 – 1892
Peder Steen	1892 – 1898
and later	1918 – 1931
C. Osterhus	1898 – 1900
O. E. Haaheim	1901 – 1907
G. Blessum	1907 – 1917
John Loland	1931 – 1934
James Tofte	1935 – 1946
Arthur Reesnes	1947 – 1950
Lars Stalsbrotten	1951 – 1955
Hans Tollefson	1955 – 1964

Bethany Lutheran Church was organized in 1890 by a Christian group who met in Nemier's Hall on 17th & Exchange Street (where the cola plant now stands). It was incorporated under the name of Betania Norsk Luthersk Menighed av Astoria – changed to Bethany Lutheran Church in 1936. In 1893 the church was built on its present site and two years later Rev. Peder Steen built the adjoining parsonage while serving as pastor. The following people were charter members: Ole Lillenas and family, Andrew Bue and family, John Saterbo and family, Simon Vestbostad and family, Ole Olsen Vige and family, Gunnar Hansen, Gustave Kleppe, Thor Fitcha, Ole J. Fitcha, Christoffer Tidslevold, Nils Tidslevold, Ole Estoos, Otto Reinertsen, Ben Lee, Amud Knudsen, Bertie Fritz, Sina Oberg, Bernt Borrevik. Ole Lillenas, Andrew Bue and John Saterbo were elected the first deacons, Simon Vestbostad Gunnar Hansen and Ole Estoos were elected as the first trustees. Simon Vestbostad as treasurer. Andrew Lillenas, who joined the group at its second meeting was elected secretary.

Bethany celebrated its 75th Anniversary on October 23–24, 1965 and is thankful to God for the seventy-five years it has ministered the means of grace.

PRESENT – “Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God.” Hebrews 12:2

Bethany is thankful to the Lord for all those coming forth and partaking of the goodness of God’s mercies through her ministration. The present pastor was called to serve the congregation in July of 1964, after having served pastorates in International Falls and Loman Minnesota: Fort Frances, Ont., Canada; Hamill, S. D.; Buffalo, Wyoming; Worthing, S. D. and also served for a time in Lutheran Mission work in San Antonio, Texas. His wife Doris served as a parish worker in the defense areas for the Church during the Second World War, and also as a parish worker in various places. They have two children Paul & Pauline.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Teachers Prayer	9:35 A.M.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Rest Home Service	2:15 P.M.
Luther League (1st and 3rd Sundays)	5:00 P.M.
Evening Service	7:00 P.M.
Board Meeting	1st Tuesday of the month
Bible Study & Prayer meeting	7:30 every Wednesday
Ladies Aid	2:00 P.M. – 2nd & 4th Thursday
Bethany Society	8:00 P.M. – 1st Thursday
Children’s Choir	10:00 A.M. Saturday
Mission Sunday	1st Sunday of each month

FUTURE – “Where there is no vision the people perish.” Proverbs 29:18

Currently in the planning of the Church there is seen a need for a building program – and as such the Building fund is reactivated. Astoria is a changing community and the congregation needs to look with renewed vision towards the future and rise up to meet its challenge. In a day when we are told that there are no absolutes we are thankful for the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against Christ and His Church. In the midst of a rapidly deteriorating and dissolving world the Church of Jesus Christ holds forth the only hope for lost mankind. How blessed to be among those who are on the victorious side.

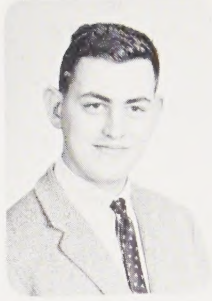
“Remember The Building Fund”



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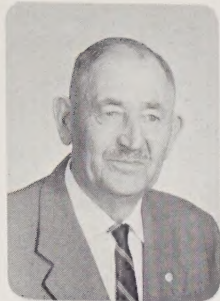


TOM JOHNSON



HOWARD JOHNSON

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